

**From:** [Enders, Jhana](#)  
**To:** [Vargo, Steve](#); [Carroll, Craig](#)  
**Cc:** [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [Smith, Monica](#); [Ruhl, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Amarillo, TX residential phosphine gas incident - OSC Enders and START contractor deployed  
**Date:** Monday, January 2, 2017 11:02:21 PM

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On Jan 2, 2017, at 7:33 PM, Ruhl, Christopher <[Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov](mailto:Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov)> wrote:

Steve and Craig-

As a heads up, we are currently responding to an incident that appears to be a residential exposure to a restricted use pesticide. Can you assist in identifying a Texas Department of Ag contact that we may coordinate with? Also, the exposure was was to phosphine gas not phosgene as mentioned in the report below. Jhana is our OSC on scene.

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**From:** "Ruhl, Christopher" <[Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov](mailto:Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** January 2, 2017 at 11:15:39 AM CST

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**Subject:** Amarillo, TX residential phosgene gas incident - OSC Enders and START contractor deployed

4 people are dead and up to an additional 6 people have been exposed to what is believed to have been phosgene gas. Reports indicate that a resident mixed aluminum phosphide with water which produced phosgene gas. TCEQ notified EPA of the incident and has requested assistance. The incident is located in Amarillo, TX. EPA has dispatched OSC Enders and START contractor.

<http://www.newschannel10.com/story/34164863/developing-4-confirmed-dead-hazmat-crews-respond-to-northeast-amarillo-home>

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